A Farewell.

My fairest child, I have no song to give you,
No lark could pipe to skies so dull and grey,
Yet, ere we part, one lesson I can leave you
For every day.

Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever,
Do noble things, not dream them, all day long,
And so make life, death, and that vast forever
One grand, sweet song.

Kingsley.

The Voice that Wins its Way.

If words could satisfy the heart,
The heart might find less care;
But words, like summer birds, depart,
And leave but empty air.

A little said, and truly said,
Can deeper joy impart
Than hosts of words which reach the head
But never touch the heart.

A voice that wins its sunny way
A lonely home to cheer.
Hath oft the fewest words to say,
But, O, those few, how dear!

OPIUM EATING.—The *Home Journal* says: "The amount of this drug which was imported into this country, last year, according to the Custom House tables, amounted to three hundred thousand pounds. It is well known that not more than one tenth of this is used for medical purposes. A look at any crowd in New-York will show, to an acute observer, where the victims of the pest are to be found; and a health journal says: "the habit of eating opium is known to be spreading rapidly among lawyers, doctors, clergymen and literary men; and enormous quantities are used by the manufacturers of those poisonous liquids which are dealt out in drinks in the saloons and groggeries that infest every city and village in the country.'"

THE FIRST NEWSPAPERS.—The first published, says Galignani, bears the date of Nuremburg, 1457; the first English one was in 1622; and the first French in 1631. A very ancient printed sheet was offered for sale in the Libri collection, and of which a duplicate exists in the British Museum. It is entitled "Neue Zeitung, aus Hispanien und Italien" (News from Spain and Italy), and bears the date of February, 1534. The catalogue gave the following description of it: "An exceedingly rare journal, which appears to have been printed at Nuremburg. It contains the first announcement of the discovery of Peru, and has remained unknown to all the bibliographists that we have been able to consult. In this printed sheet it is said that the Governor of Panumyra (Panama) in the Indies, wrote to his Majesty (Charles V.) that a vessel had arrived from Peru, with a letter from the regent Francisco Piscara, (Pizzaro), announcing that he had taken possession of the country; that with about 200 Spaniards, infantry and cavalry, he had repaired to the possessions of a great Seignor named Cassiko (who refused peace), and attacked him, that the Spaniards were the victors, and that he had seized upon 5,000 castillons, (gold pieces), and 20,000 silver marks, and lastly, that he had obtained two millions of gold from the said Cassiko."

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